## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

application of

Docket No: Q62474

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Group Art Unit: 1731

Appln. No.: 09/745,414

Examiner: John M. HOFFMAN

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For:

PREFORM INLET ARRANGEMENT FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER DRAWING FURNACE, A FURNACE PROVIDED WITH THAT KIND OF INLET ARRANGEMENT, AND A PREFORM

EOUIPPED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THAT INLET ARRANGEMENT

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one (1) month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of March 12, 2003, to July 12, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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